

The last steel construction was finished at the Federal League ball park yesterday, and it is certain that the plant will be ready when the Feds open their first home engagement. Work is already being pushed on the infield.

Federal League officials will head for Grand Rapids, Mich., Friday night to be on hand for the hearing of the injunction case against Bill Killifer Saturday. The case was originally set for Friday, but has been postponed.

This will be the first court test of the claims of the newcomers and organized forces, and the precedent set will point the future course of action for both sides. If the Feds are upheld in their contention that Killifer belongs to them, then they will demand that Blanding and Kahler of the Naps, King Cole of the Yanks, Baumgardner and Williams of the Browns and several other athletes be turned over to them. If their request is not complied with, they will go to the law sharks.

On the other hand, if the organized powers get the decision at Grand Rapids, it will be a blow at the Feds where they have claimed to be strongest.

Three-punk games were again run off by the Cubs and Sox yesterday. The big leaguers were all right, but the opposition was so weak that the combats were large jokes.

From what we have learned over the wire of the game the Sox first team played in Mesa, Ariz., the feature was a chicken dinner served by the ladies of the library board. Incidentally the Sox won the game, 15 to 2.

The Sox seconds beat Ogdén, 14 to 5, and the Cubs whaled Terre Haute, 14 to 0.

Ball games of that nature are not conducive to dope. Even the fulsome batting of the athletes cannot be bulged too far forward, for the pitching in such games is always on a par with the rest of the performance.

The three Chicago teams together batted 48 hits, each doing its share.

Callahan has made one radical change in his batting order since Buck Weaver went to the first team, and it is a remarkable tribute to the wonderful advance this youngster has made in two yeras.

Buck has been dropped to the clean-up position among the clubbers, a point of honor that is much coveted by gents who imagine themselves to be up-standing swatters.

When Weaver first came to the Sox he was lost down round No. 8 in the batting order, and there were not many predictions that he would ever ascend any higher. Last year Buck had changed his style, and was able to clout from either side of the plate. This accomplishment did not bring him results until the season was well advanced.

Then Cal lifted him to the head of the list, making Buck lead-off man, another coveted position. It was some distance to travel at one step, but the confidence reposed in the shortstop was reflected in his work. Finding that Cal believed in him reacted in his performances with the stick. His batting average immediately began to climb, and he became a dependable hitter.

Whether he will gain more confidence in the clean-up job is to be proven. His batting in the spring work so far has been good, especially against the California teams, which are well-trained at this time of the year, and in shape to give a big league team a battle.

The Cubs are in Indianapolis today for a five-game series and O'Day will again try some of the veteran pitchers over the full route. Frank Schulte was left in Evansville sick, but is not in serious condition. Cy Williams is playing left in the absence of the regular.

Nothing but hotel ball for the Feds at Shreveport yesterday and this morning it was the same thing. Only a miracle can get the athletes out on